

at least one fastener comprising a single piece of
10 flexible material having an active fastening surface adapted
for anchoring to said article generally at said first waist
region and being secured thereto with adhesive, and for
fastening to said article generally at said second waist region
to secure said article on a wearer.

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 11, 20, 21, 24, 26, 32-34, 37-39, 41 and 44
are amended, claims 1, 23 and 36 are canceled and claims 52-57
are added herein. Claims 2-22, 24-35 and 37-57 will be pending
upon entry of the amendment. Attached hereto is a marked-up
version of the changes to be made to the application by this
amendment and is entitled "**Version With Markings To Show
Changes Made.**" A Request for Amendment of Drawings is also
attached.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at Page 10, line 16 is amended as follows:

In the illustrated embodiments, and as described herein, the outer cover has been shown to consist substantially of a single piece of material. However, the invention also contemplates the outer cover being provided by more than one piece of material. For example the outer cover may also include a pair of ears 19 (Fig. 1) that can extend in the lateral direction from the side edges of the diaper in one of the waist regions. In the various configurations of the invention, the ears 19 may be integrally formed with a selected diaper component. For example, the ears 19 can be integrally formed from the layer of material that provides the outer cover, or may be integrally formed from the material employed to provide the top surface. In alternative configurations, such as shown in Fig. 2, the ears 19 may be provided by one or more separately provided members that are connected and assembled to the outer cover, to the top surface, in between the outer cover and top surface, or in various fixedly attached combinations of such assemblies. In certain embodiments, the fastener of the present invention may be attached to the ear portion of the outer cover.

The paragraph beginning at page 16, line 19, is amended as follows:

Alternatively, as representatively illustrated in Figure 3, the diaper 1 may include one or more attachment panels 23 to which the fasteners 20 are configured to releasably engage. For

example, when the fasteners 20 include hook material as illustrated, the diaper 1 may also include corresponding attachment panels 23 which may comprise complementary loop elements on the outward facing surface in the first waist region 50 and second waist region 51 of the diaper 1. The attachment panels 23 may include a woven fabric, a nonwoven fabric, a knitted fabric, a perforated or apertured layer, or the like, or a combination thereof. For example, a suitable material for the attachment panels 23 can be composed of a 2 bar, warp knit fabric of the type available from Guilford Mills, Inc., Greensboro, North Carolina under the trade designation #34285, as well as other [of] knit fabrics. [(Also U.S. 5,858,515 to Stokes - KC patent)] Alternatively, a pattern unbonded nonwoven material may be suitably used for an attachment panel, as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,858,515 issued January 12, 1999 to Stokes, et al..

The paragraph beginning at page 18, line 10 is amended as follows:

Figure 4 is a front view of one embodiment of the diaper I in an unlocked configuration. In this embodiment, the mechanical fastening system 4 includes a single fastener 20 that is one elongate[d] flexible piece of generally rectangular material that wraps around the entire first waist region 50. The fastener 20 wraps around and anchors to the active landing material of the first waist region 50 of the outer cover 17. The two user ends 79 of the fastener 20 fasten anywhere on the active landing material of the second waist region 51 of the outer cover 17.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 is canceled.

2. The disposable absorbent article of claim [1] 52, which is an incontinence product.

3. The disposable absorbent article of claim [1] 52, which is a diaper.

4. The disposable absorbent article of claim [1] 52, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a generally rectangular shape, square shape, circular shape, triangular shape, oval shape, linear shape, or a combination thereof.

5. The disposable absorbent article of claim [1] 52, wherein the at least one fastener is generally rectangular in shape.

6. The disposable absorbent article of claim [1] 52, wherein the active fastening surface of the at least one single piece of flexible material is substantially covered by active fastening material.

11. The disposable absorbent article of claim [1] 52, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a anchor end and a user end.

20. The disposable absorbent article of claim [1] 52, wherein the outer cover provides an active landing material.

21. The disposable absorbent article of claim [1] 52, wherein the outer cover comprises at least one attachment panel.

Claim 23 is canceled:

24. The disposable absorbent article of claim [23] 55, wherein the pair of ears comprise an elastomeric material.

26. The disposable absorbent article of claim [23] 55, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a anchor end and a user end.

32. The disposable absorbent article of claim [23] 55, which is an incontinence product.

33. The disposable absorbent article of claim [23] 55, which is a diaper.

34. The disposable absorbent article of claim [23] 55, wherein the active fastening surface of the at least one single piece of flexible material is substantially covered by active fastening material.

Claim 36 is canceled.

37. The disposable absorbent article of claim [36] 57, which is an incontinence product.

38. The disposable absorbent article of claim [36] 57, which is a diaper.

39. The disposable absorbent article of claim [36] 57, wherein the active fastening surface of the at least one single piece of flexible material is substantially covered by active fastening material.

41. The disposable absorbent article of claim [36] 57, wherein the outer cover comprises a pair of ears.

44. The disposable absorbent article of claim [36] 57, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a anchor end and a user end.

New claims 52-57 are added.